



## OSSE LEA LOOK-FORWARD: January 31, 2013—February 7, 2013

### Key Events, Announcements, Updates and Deadlines

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#### Division of Specialized Education

##### **DSE Quarterly LEA Special Education Meeting – Rescheduled**

DSE will be rescheduling its quarterly LEA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Additional registration information for the webinar will be forwarded once available. For questions regarding the rescheduled meeting, please contact Desirée Brown, Special Assistant, Community and Parent Relations via email at [desiree.brown@dc.gov](mailto:desiree.brown@dc.gov) or by phone at 202-741-0271.

##### **Extended School Year (ESY) Services Certification - Webinars**

OSSE issued the Extended School Year (ESY) Services Policy on March 10, 2011. The policy establishes state-level standards and criteria for ESY services that are consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirement to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities. Individual Education Program (IEP) Teams are responsible for analyzing child-level data using the state-level eligibility framework to make appropriate individualized ESY determinations for every child with an IEP by April of each year and ensure that decisions are certified and submitted for timely routing. This webinar will provide an overview of key components of the policy and related administrative requirements.

##### **Extended School Year (ESY) Services Certification Webinars (Summer, 2013)**

<b>Presenter(s):</b>	OSSE Division of Special Education and Division of Student Transportation
<b>Date(s):</b>	February 13, 2013 OR February 27, 2013
<b>Time:</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Webinar
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Data Administrators and Special Education Coordinators
<b>Registration(s):</b>	February 13, 2013 - <a href="http://www.cvent.com/d/3cqrc6/4W">http://www.cvent.com/d/3cqrc6/4W</a> February 27, 2013 - <a href="http://www.cvent.com/d/rcqrc6/4W">http://www.cvent.com/d/rcqrc6/4W</a>



### Special Education Data System – New Web Address

The [Notification of System Issues](#) page on the SEDS Resource Site now notifies users of system issues. Please visit this site for updates regarding the status of these issues. Please view the January 24, 2013 webinar on the [SEDS Resource Site](#) to learn more about the new processes for communicating system issues.

Please join the SEDS Team for the SEDS Monthly Support Series webinar on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10am. A variety of topics will be discussed during this webinar, including new system functionality and an opportunity for LEAs to provide feedback on upcoming SEDS development. For additional details and registration information, please go to the [SEDS Resource Site](#).

### Important Inclusive Schools Capstone Announcement



Registration for the Inclusive Schools Capstone has reached capacity and is now closed. Parents and staff from Local Education Agencies who have not registered and still desire to attend the Capstone may visit the conference's exhibit hall from 12-4PM. During this time period, attendees may speak with representatives of organizations offering inclusion resources and participate in a special technology demonstration at 3:00PM.

**The Inclusive Schools Capstone Event will occur:**

**February 4, 2013 - 8AM-3PM**

**The Marvin Center – The George Washington University  
800 21<sup>st</sup> St, NW Washington, DC.**

Registered participants are **strongly** encouraged to use public transportation and arrive at 8AM. The Marvin Center is Metro accessible via the Foggy Bottom stop on the blue and orange line.

For more information, visit [www.osse.dc.gov/ISW](http://www.osse.dc.gov/ISW) or call 202-741-0271.

### Division of Elementary & Secondary Education

#### **Inclusion of 3 and 4 year olds in the Title I Allocations**

As a follow-up to the discussions around the inclusion of 3 and 4 year olds in the Title I allocations formula, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education will be hosting two webinars, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> on program requirements. Please register for one of the two offered sessions below.

**Tue, Feb 12, 2013 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST**

Registration Web Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/825995082>



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**Wed, Feb 13, 2013 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST**

Registration Web Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/475832362>

For additional information please contact Renee Evans at [renee.evans@dc.gov](mailto:renee.evans@dc.gov).

**ESEA Title III, Part A Webinars - Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) and Accountability System**

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) facilitated a webinar to discuss the ESEA Title III, Part A Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) and accountability system. Additionally, OSSE reviewed its past AMAOs and presented a proposal of new AMAOs for School Years 2012-2017. During the session, stakeholders had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. For additional information please feel free to contact Michelle Blakey-Tuggle at [michelle.blakey-tuggle@dc.gov](mailto:michelle.blakey-tuggle@dc.gov). Access to the PowerPoint presentation can be located at: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/accountability>

**Student Growth Measure Task Force**

As many of you know, OSSE has managed a Student Growth Measure Task Force for the last couple of years to provide advice on the value added model and other Race to the Top activities related to measuring student growth. Now that OSSE has received approval of its ESEA Flexibility Request and all LEAs receiving federal funds must incorporate student growth measures into their teacher and leader evaluation systems, we are opening the Student Growth Measure Task Force to non-Race to the Top LEAs. This Task Force will provide guidance to OSSE as we develop tools and materials to guide LEAs in using achievement measures within educator evaluations. If you are interested in joining this Task Force, please contact Robin Chait at [robin.chait@dc.gov](mailto:robin.chait@dc.gov). Our next meeting will be held on February 5, 2013, from 4:00-5:30pm at OSSE in room 9014.

**2012-13 Roster Confirmation for RTTT LEAs**

OSSE places a high value on the involvement of teachers in verifying and confirming the accuracy of student rosters for the DC value-added model. To reinforce this, we are planning a second year of the roster confirmation process that accurately and transparently captures the instructional attribution between teachers and students. Through roster confirmation, teachers will review and edit class rosters populated by LEA data systems and indicate the percentage of assigned instruction provided for each individual student.





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School administrators and designated support team members at each school also participate by reviewing and validating the teacher-provided information. Administrators are encouraged to assign one or two support team members who can help administrators monitor staff progress in completing the confirmation process and review rosters prior to final administrator approval. It is important that administrators, support teams, and identified teachers accurately complete the roster confirmation process in a timely manner. LEAs will receive additional information by email to prepare them for roster confirmation. If you have questions, please contact Robin Chait at [robin.chait@dc.gov](mailto:robin.chait@dc.gov).

**Common Core Workshop**

Please join us for a Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Workshop based on work by Kate Gerson, Senior Fellow for Common Core with the Regents Research Fund in New York. The session will be held on February 14th, 2013, from 3:00 – 5:00PM at OSSE (810 First St, NE) in the 3rd floor Grand Ballroom. This session is intended to be an introduction to the key instructional shifts in both English Language Arts and mathematics. During the session, CCSS implementation strategies will be discussed, including text-based discussions and multi-standard assessment questions. This session is intended for all DC educators interested in CCSS implementation.

Please sign up using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VJLQZ52>. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Beeman at [heidi.beeman@dc.gov](mailto:heidi.beeman@dc.gov).

**OSSE Releases Final Teaching, Leadership and Professional Development Standards**

As part of the implementation of the ESEA Waiver, OSSE committed to developing voluntary professional standards for teachers and school leaders and to providing professional development. These standards are intended to provide guidance to LEAs in developing or modifying their learning frameworks, instructional and leadership rubrics, and evaluation systems. OSSE reviewed standards from other states and worked with a group of DC teachers and leaders to develop the final standards. The standards were released for public comment, and webinar was held for LEA leaders on the draft standards. The final standards are located on OSSE's website at the following location: <http://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher-and-leader-evaluation>.



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**OSSE Requests Nominations for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**

There are outstanding science and mathematics teachers throughout the District of Columbia. Help us identify and recognize these exceptional educators by nominating them for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Recipients of the award receive a certificate signed by the President Obama and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.. In addition to recognizing outstanding teaching in mathematics or science (including computer science), the program provides teachers with an opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation at a recognition and professional development event in the District. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital resource for improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and keeping America globally competitive. Please refer to the eligibility criteria below, and visit the PAEMST website (<http://paemst.org>) to complete an online nomination form. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [kadena.duncan-lawrence@dc.gov](mailto:kadena.duncan-lawrence@dc.gov).

2013 MST Awardees nominees must:

- Teach mathematics or science (including computer science) at the 7-12th grade level in a public or private school.
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Be a full-time employee of the school or school district AND teach students at least 50% of the time.
- Have at least 5 years of full-time, K-12 mathematics or science (including computer science) teaching experience prior to the 2012-2013 academic school year.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.

Division of Wellness & Nutrition

**OSSE School Garden Program RFA**

The OSSE- is soliciting applications of up to \$10,000 each to implement the DC School Garden Program (DCSGP) of the Healthy Schools Act. The purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of DC school gardens as educational resources by providing institutional support to create meaningful learning experiences for students in school gardens. The Application deadline is February 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.

<http://osse.dc.gov/publication/school-garden-program-rfa-fy-2013>



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**School Garden 201 Training**

You've successfully started a school garden program, now what? The School Garden 201 training will occur:

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5:00-6:30PM  
OSSE Headquarters - 810 1<sup>st</sup> St, NE  
OSSE Training Institute (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

The training will help you:

- Examine the nitty-gritty of managing a school garden program
- Engage small group discussion around three areas of school garden programs:
  - Management
  - Instruction
  - gardening techniques

The training will provide pizza and PLU credits. Participants should have some experience with garden-based education. More information and registration for this free training can be found [here](#).

**Maximizing Spring in your School Garden**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 4:00-5:30PM

The Great Garden of Anacostia (Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS) 2427 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE

This training will:

- Demonstrate how to prepare your school garden for early spring
- Provide sample activities to engage students in your early spring garden
- Include hands-on activities that will help you plan for early spring
- Provide PLU credits

More information and registration for this free training can be found [here](#).

**School Garden Site Visits**

Ongoing March-May 2013

School garden site visits support DC school garden programs by providing a garden program assessment, supporting the development of an improvement plan, and providing opportunities to ask questions and troubleshoot. If you are interested in this level of support, please sign-up for a time slot [here](#). Site visits are currently being scheduled through March.



Office of Grants Management & Compliance

**Upcoming Webinars: Grants Management and Compliance Training**

The Office of Grants Management and Compliance will hold two upcoming webinars for LEAs that will provide technical assistance in meeting federal compliance requirements and guidelines.

**Understanding FFATA (Federal Finance Accountability and Transparency Act) Compliance Requirements**

**February 14, 2013, 11:00am – 12:00 noon**

This training is designed to provide technical assistance for sub-recipient grantees to meet state and federal compliance standards. .

The webinar registration link is: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/688476530>

If you have questions please contact: [unique.morris@dc.gov](mailto:unique.morris@dc.gov)

**A-133 Audit Compliance Requirements**

**February 20, 2013, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

OMB Circular A-133 requires annual audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations who receive federal funding exceeding \$500,000. This training is for any sub-recipient of OSSE that receives federal funding at or in excess of \$500,000. The training is designed to provide guidance and advice on what to expect and how to prepare for the A-133 audit.

The webinar registration link is: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/162490090>

If you have questions please contact: [unique.morris@dc.gov](mailto:unique.morris@dc.gov)